



Clinical Congress News

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General Sessions

Thursday

General Panel Discussion

The Foot with Neurovascular Impairment
8:30 am in La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom A in the New Orleans Convention Center

General Panel Discussion

How to Design a Surgery Quality Assurance Program
8:30 am in La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom BC in the New Orleans Convention Center

General Panel Discussion

Controversies in the Management of Stage I and Stage II Carcinoma of the Breast
10:30 am in La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom BC in the New Orleans Convention Center

Papers Session II

1:00 pm in La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom BC in the New Orleans Convention Center

International Federation of Surgical Colleges Panel Discussion

The Young Surgeon's Struggle to Attain Professional Leadership: An International Perspective
1:30 pm in La Louisiane Ballroom A in the New Orleans Convention Center

Ambulatory Surgical Care

Interdisciplinary Panel Discussion, sponsored by the Advisory Councils Ambulatory Surgery for the '90s and Beyond
1:30 pm in La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom A in the New Orleans Convention Center

Registration totals

As of Wednesday afternoon, total registration for the Clinical Congress was 16,537. Of that number, 7,162 were physicians and 9,375 were exhibitors, guests, spouses, or convention personnel.

Dr. Austen to become ACS President tonight

W. Gerald Austen, MD, FACS, of Boston, MA, will be installed as the 73rd President of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) tonight during Convocation ceremonies that conclude the College's annual Clinical Congress. A world-renowned cardiothoracic surgeon, Dr. Austen is surgeon-in-chief at Massachusetts General Hospital, and the Edward D. Churchill Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School.

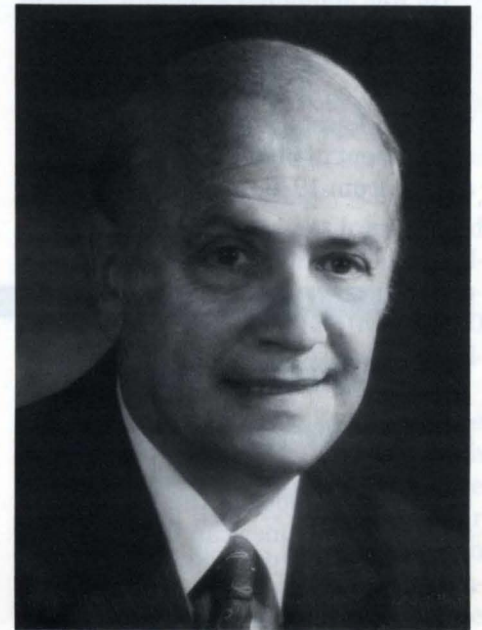
Dr. Austen earned a medical degree from Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, in 1955, and served an internship at Massachusetts General Hospital from 1955 to 1956. He served as an assistant resident in surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital from 1956 to 1959, followed by service as senior registrar in surgery at Kings College Hospital, London, England, in 1959. Dr. Austen then served as chief resident at Massachusetts General Hospital and as a teaching fellow in surgery at Harvard Medical School in 1960.

Following military service as a surgeon in the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Services from 1961 to 1962, Dr. Austen began a career with Massachusetts General Hospital. He was named a Markle Scholar in Academic Medicine (1963-1968). From 1963 to 1969, he served as chief of the surgical cardiovascular research unit. Dr. Austen as-

sumed his current position as chief of surgical services at Massachusetts General Hospital in 1969. He began his professional affiliation with Harvard Medical School in 1963, became an associate professor of surgery in 1965, and professor of surgery in 1966. Since 1974, Dr. Austen has served as the Edward D. Churchill Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School.

Since becoming a Fellow of the ACS in 1964, Dr. Austen has served in a variety of capacities, including membership on the Committee on Pre- and Postoperative Care, the Cardiovascular Committee (Vice-Chairman, 1974), the Committee for the Forum on Fundamental Surgical Problems, the Advisory Council for Cardiothoracic Surgery, and the Board of Governors. In addition, Dr. Austen has served the College in a leadership capacity as a member of the Board of Regents (1982-1991), and as chairman of the Board (1989-1991).

Dr. Austen has been awarded membership in 39 academic, regional, national, and international medical associations and societies, and he has served in a leadership position for many of these groups. He has been the president of the Society of University Surgeons (1972-1973), the Massachusetts Heart Association (1972-1974), the New England Cardiovascular Society (1972-1973), the American Heart Association (1977-1978), the American Surgical Associa-



Dr. Austen

tion (1985-1986), and the American Association for Thoracic Surgery (1988-1989). In addition, he is an honorary member of both the Canadian Cardiovascular Society and the Dutch Cardiology Society, as well as an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Dr. Austen has played a major role in surgical education. Since 1969, he has been a member of the American Board of Surgery. He became a senior member of the board in 1974, and served as chairman of the board's Pa-

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Facing finitude is key to framing future health policy

It is "morally subversive" to, at all costs, deny our finitude when establishing a health care policy, according to H. Tristram Engelhardt, Jr., MD, PhD. Dr. Engelhardt, professor, department of medicine, and departments of community medicine and obstetrics and gynecology at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX, delivered the second annual Ethics and Philosophy Lecture, "National Health Care Policy: The Moral Issues."

"The United States stands at the threshold of radical changes in the future of health care," he said, before examining what can and cannot be morally justified in determining a health care system.

Dr. Engelhardt posited that a one-

tier, all-encompassing health care system, such as the one that exists in Canada, is morally unjustifiable, and that a two-tier system, such as that proposed in the Oregon plan, is justified in secular-moral terms. A one-tier plan, he said, denies the fact that death is inevitable, and death and a certain amount of pain and suffering are necessary component of human existence, especially when finances are limited.

Dr. Engelhardt said that the virtuous pursuit of ameliorating suffering can become detrimental when limits to available care are not determined, since costly and formidable interventions, if unchecked, would ultimately bankrupt the government. "We should abandon the rhetoric of providing the

best health care at all times for all people."

"Accepting the finitude of life should be a departure point in defining a health care system," he said, and added that the Oregon plan accomplishes this goal by defining the difference between basic and luxury health care.

He applauded as an act of true democracy the method used in determining the Oregon definition of basic care, which was to ask the constituents of the state what they wanted as basic health care. He said that to successfully and continually employ this method would involve an "unending dialogue" that would consider society's changing values and financial resources.

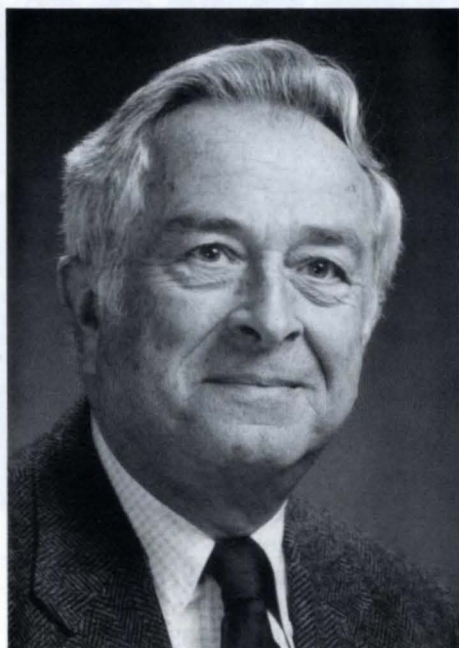
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Is medicine the new dismal science?

At 3:15 this afternoon, Louis C. Lasagna, MD, DSc(Hon), will address the question, "Is Medicine the New Dismal Science?" at the Martin Memorial Lecture in La Nouvelle Orleans Ballroom BC of the New Orleans Convention Center.

Dr. Lasagna is director and chairman of the board at the Center for the Study of Drug Development, academic dean, and dean of Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences, all at Tufts University in Boston, MA.

He was appointed academic dean of the medical school and dean of the Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences at Tufts in 1984. Prior to that, Dr. Lasagna was chairman of the department of pharmacology and toxicology from 1970 to 1980, and profes-



Dr. Lasagna

sor of pharmacology and toxicology and of medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, Rochester, NY.

Before assuming his positions at the University of Rochester, Dr. Lasagna spent 16 years at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD; he received a medical degree from Columbia University (NY) in 1947.

Dr. Lasagna serves on the General Accounting Office's Health Advisory

Committee, Human Research Division. He was chairman of the National Committee to Review Current Procedures for Approval of New Drugs for Cancer and AIDS, which operated under the aegis of the President's Cancer Panel, and he served on Secretary Louis Sullivan's "Blue Ribbon Panel" (the Edwards Committee), which was commissioned to examine the effectiveness of the Food and Drug Administration.

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Dr. Englehardt reminded the audience that there is no philosophic or moral way to discover how much money should be invested in health care, just as there is no philosophic or moral way to determine how much money should be allocated for the arts.

The only moral authority in this secular pluralist society that can determine the best allocation of limited health care resources, he said, is common agreement among people, and "it is in terms of this postmodern conclusion" that he supports the logic behind the Oregon plan.

Dr. Englehardt said that most other countries have a two-tier system, and that even within this country we accept two-tier systems for such other basic needs as schools, food, and police protection.

To accept the Oregon plan, he said, is to live honestly with our finitude, with the natural lottery of inequalities, and with our limited financial resources.

Expanding on the belief that certain inequalities are inevitable, Dr. Englehardt said that we can prepare for and expect to be fully repaid for certain losses, such as in cases of fire and robbery. However, he said, once disease or accident robs us of our health, we cannot always expect to receive full repayment, which he refers to as the "natural lottery" of inequality. "Certain inequalities," he said, "are not necessarily unfair."

"It is no mean thing to acknowledge one's finitude," Dr. Englehardt concluded, and he said that it would be a "cultural achievement" and a step toward the future to decide what health care is considered basic and what is considered a luxury, such as has been done in the Oregon plan.

H. Tristram Englehardt, Jr., holds an MD with honors from Tulane University School of Medicine (1972) and a PhD from the University of Texas at Austin (1969), where he completed his undergraduate work (1963). From 1969 to 1970, he was a Fulbright Graduate Fellow at Bonn University, Germany, and in 1988 was a fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study in Berlin.

In addition to his positions at Baylor College of Medicine, Dr. Englehardt is professor in the department of philosophy, Rice University; adjunct research fellow, Institute of Religion, Houston; and a member of the Center for Ethics, Medicine, and Public Issues. He has held appointments at Baylor and Rice since 1983, after leaving Georgetown University where he was the Rosemary Kennedy Professor of Philosophy of Medicine.

Dr. Englehardt is editor of the *Journal of Medicine and Philosophy*, and co-editor of the *Philosophy and Medicine* book series, which has over 40 volumes in print. His most recent book is *Bioethics and Secular Humanism: The Search for a Common Morality*.

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tient Management Committee from 1971-1974. He also served a six-year term as a member of the board of directors of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery (1984-1990).

Throughout his career, Dr. Austen has held visiting professorships at over 50 medical institutions in the United States and abroad. He has been awarded honorary doctor of science degrees by the University of Athens, Greece (1981), and the University of Massachusetts (1985), and an honorary doctor of humanities degree by the University of Akron, OH (1980). He has been honored with the American Heart Association's Gold Heart Award (1980) and the Massachusetts Heart Association's Paul Dudley White Cardiac Award (1981), as well as being a life member of the corporation (board of trustees) of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Dr. Austen has also served on the editorial boards of 14 medical journals, including the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the *American Journal of Surgery*, the *Annals of Thoracic Surgery*,

and the *Annals of Surgery*.

Dr. Austen and his wife Patricia have four children: Karl, Jay, Christopher, and Elizabeth.

Other officials to be installed tonight are J. Bradley Aust, MD, PhD, FACS, San Antonio, TX, as First Vice-President, and Vallee L. Willman, MD, FACS, St. Louis, MO, as Second Vice-President.

Dr. Aust is professor and chairman of the department of surgery at The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (TX). He has served on the ACS Board of Governors and Texas Credentials Committee.

Dr. Willman is professor and chairman of the department of surgery at St. Louis (MO) University Medical Center. He has served on the ACS Medical Devices Committee, Program Committee, Nominating Committee of Fellows, and Missouri Credentials Committee. He currently serves as a representative to the Council of Medical Specialty Societies, and has served as a representative to the American Board of Surgery. He is also the recipient of the ACS 1988 Distinguished Service Award.

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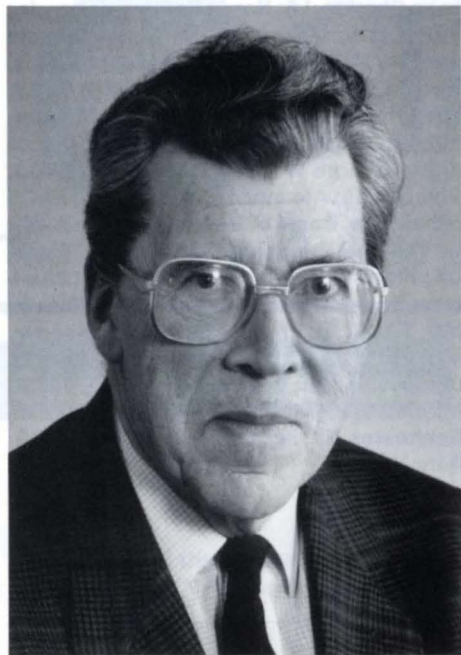
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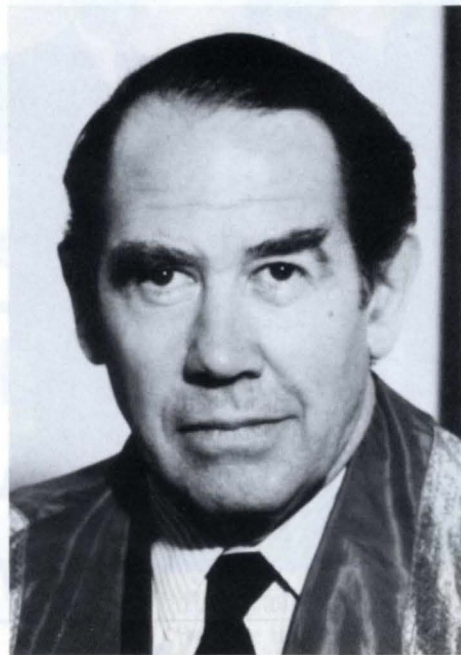
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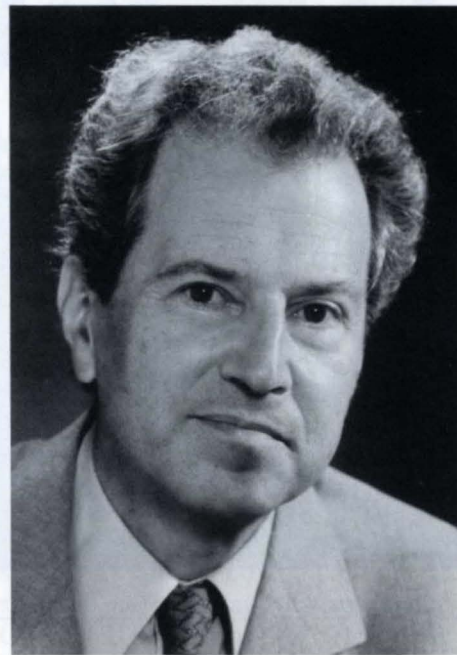
ACS awards four Honorary Fellowships



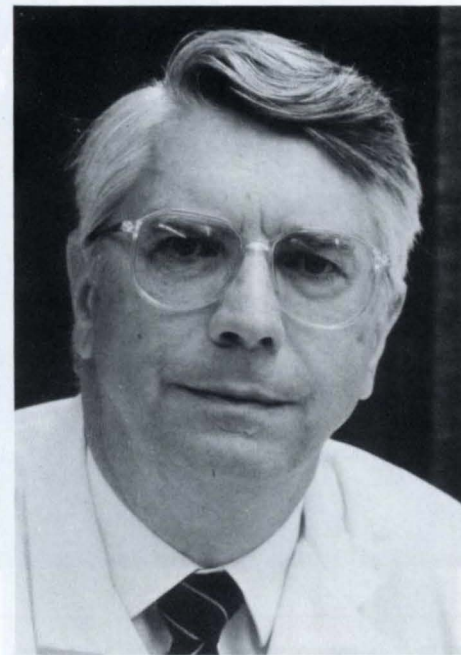
Sven-Erik Bergentz, MD, PhD



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Honorary Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons will be awarded tonight to four surgeons from the countries of England, Germany, Sweden, and Switzerland. The awards will be presented during the Convocation ceremonies that conclude the Clinical Congress. The recipients will be:

Sven-Erik Bergentz, MD, PhD, Malmö, Sweden. Dr. Bergentz is professor of surgery at Lund University, and chief of surgery at Malmö General Hospital, Malmö.

Sir Terence Alexander Hawthorne English, KBE, FRCS(Eng), Cambridge,

England. Sir Terence is an associate lecturer of surgery at the University of Cambridge, and a consultant to Papworth and Addenbrooke's Hospitals, Cambridge.

Ugo B. Fisch, MD, Zurich, Switzerland. Dr. Fisch is professor and head of the department of otorhinolaryngology at the University Hospital, Zurich.

Christian H. Herfarth, MD, FACS, Heidelberg, Germany. Dr. Herfarth is professor and head of the department of surgery at the University of Heidelberg.

Presenting the Honorary Fellowships on behalf of the College tonight will be the following members of the Board

of Regents: Seymour I. Schwartz, MD, FACS, Rochester, NY; Harvey W. Bender, Jr., MD, FACS, Nashville, TN; Samuel A. Wells, Jr., MD, FACS, St. Louis, MO; and Paul H. Ward, MD, FACS, Los Angeles, CA.

The awarding of Honorary Fellowships during the Convocation is one of the highlights of the Clinical Congress. Fellowship in the College is awarded during the ceremonies to surgeons whose education and training, professional qualifications, surgical competence, and ethical conduct have passed a rigorous evaluation and have been found to be consistent with the high standards established and de-

manded by the College. This year, more than 1,500 surgeons from around the world will be admitted into Fellowship during Convocation ceremonies. The College now has over 52,000 members, and it is the largest organization of surgeons in the world.

The first Honorary Fellowship in the College was awarded to Sir Rickman Godlee, president of the Royal College of Surgeons, who received the honor during the College's first Convocation in 1913. Since then, 338 internationally prominent surgeons, including the four chosen this year, have been named Honorary Fellows of the American College of Surgeons.

Program Changes

Specialty Sessions

In Friday morning's Thoracic Surgery session on Mediastinal Tumors, Farid M. Shamji, MD, FACS, will replace Thomas R. Todd, MD.

In Friday afternoon's symposium on Complications of General Thoracic Surgery, Keith S. Naunheim, MD, FACS, will replace Alex G. Little, MD, FACS.

Postgraduate Courses

In the Friday morning session of PG #10, Cancers in Special Populations, the topic presented by Peter A. Morrison, MD, FACS, has been changed to "Demographic Factors Shaping the Nation's Future Health Needs."

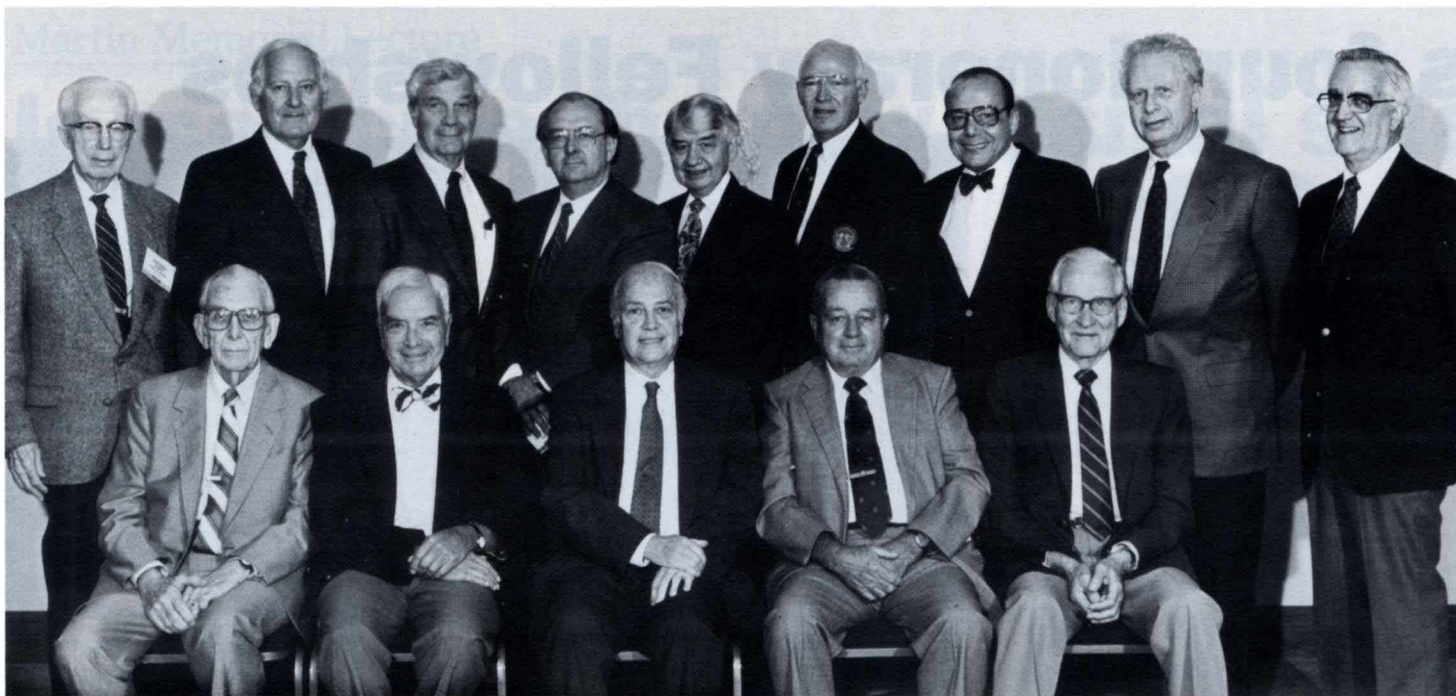
James O. Mason, MD, Doctor of Public Health, Assistant Secretary for Health, and Head of the U. S. Public Health Service of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, will replace Dr. Louis Sullivan in the Friday afternoon session of PG #10.

Technical Exhibits

The following technical exhibitor has been added: Booth 749, Aurora Medical Technologies International, 2305 Church, Suite A, Aurora, IL 60504, 708/851-8400.



The College's Past Presidents, who serve as the Advisory Council to the Board of Regents, gathered for their annual luncheon on Tuesday. Seated, left to right, are: Jonathan E. Rhoads, MD, FACS, Philadelphia, PA; William P. Longmire, Jr., MD, FACS, Los Angeles, CA; Claude E. Welch, Jr., MD, FACS, Boston, MA; and H. William Scott, Jr., MD, FACS, Nashville, TN. Standing, left to right: C. Rollins Hanlon, MD, FACS, Chicago, IL; Oliver H. Beahrs, MD, FACS, Rochester, MN; Henry T. Bahnson, MD, FACS, Pittsburgh, PA; G. Tom Shires, MD, FACS, Lubbock, TX; M. J. Jurkiewicz, MD, FACS, Atlanta, GA; Frank C. Spencer, MD, FACS, New York, NY; and David C. Sabiston, Jr., MD, FACS, Durham, NC.



Past recipients of the ACS Distinguished Service Award and ACS Officers met for a luncheon Tuesday. Seated, left to right, are: R. Gordon Holcombe, Jr., MD, FACS, Lake Charles, LA; Harris B. Shumacker, Jr., MD, FACS, Delray Beach, FL; W. Gerald Austen, MD, FACS (ACS President-Elect), Boston, MA; Edwin W. Gerrish, MD, FACS, Watertown, SD; and C. Barber Mueller, MD, FACS, Hamilton, ON. Standing, left to right: George W. Stephenson, MD, FACS, Chicago, IL; Alexander C. Walt, MD, FACS (Chairman, Board of Regents), Detroit, MI; C. Thomas Thompson, MD, FACS, Tulsa, OK; Frank R. Lewis, Jr., MD, FACS (Chairman, Board of Governors); Vallee L. Willman, MD, FACS, St. Louis, MO; Ellis B. Keener, MD, FACS (Secretary, Board of Governors), Gainesville, GA; Robert Zeppa, MD, FACS, Miami, FL; Seymour I. Schwartz, MD, FACS, Rochester, NY; and Luis F. Sala, MD, FACS, Ponce, PR.

Allied Meetings

Please note: A number of medical school and alumni associations and surgical societies will have information booths, usually open the day of the event, in an area adjacent to the registration area in the New Orleans Convention Center.

Thursday

Morning

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, General Surgical Residents
7:00 am - 8:00 am. Breakfast meeting.
New Orleans Hilton, Rosedown, 3rd floor.

**New York State Society of Surgeons/
American College of Surgeons, Upstate
New York Chapter**
7:00 am - 9:30 am. Breakfast meeting.
New Orleans Marriott, Iberville, 4th floor.

**American Society of Colon and Rectal
Surgeons, Audiovisual Committee**

7:30 am - 8:30 am. Breakfast meeting.
New Orleans Hilton, Jasperwood, 3rd floor.

SAGES Board of Governors
8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Meeting.
New Orleans Hilton, Magnolia, 3rd floor.

**American Society of Colon and Rectal
Surgeons, Exhibitors Advisory Committee**
9:00 am - 11:00 am. Breakfast meeting.
New Orleans Hilton, Oak Alley, 3rd floor.

Afternoon

**American Society of Colon and Rectal
Surgeons, Residents Committee**
12:00 noon - 2:00 pm. Luncheon meeting.
New Orleans Hilton, Belle Chasse, 3rd floor.

**American Society of Colon and Rectal
Surgeons, Public Relations Committee**
12:00 noon - 2:00 pm. Luncheon meeting.
New Orleans Hilton, Jasperwood, 3rd floor.

Video Assisted Thoracic Surgery Study Group

12:00 noon - 1:30 pm. Meeting.
New Orleans Convention Center, MR81,
3rd level.

The Society of University Urologists
12:30 pm - 5:00 pm. Meeting.
New Orleans Hilton, Oak Alley, 3rd floor.

**American Society of Colon and Rectal
Surgeons, Regional Society Coordinating
Committee**
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm. Meeting.
New Orleans Hilton, Rosedown, 3rd floor.

**American Society of Colon and Rectal
Surgeons, Editorial Board of DC&R**
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Meeting.
New Orleans Hilton, Jasperwood, 3rd
floor.

Evening

**American Society of Colon and Rectal
Surgeons, Social Impact Committee**
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Meeting.
New Orleans Hilton, Belle Chasse, 3rd floor.

The Society of University Urologists
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Reception.
New Orleans Hilton, Elmwood, 3rd floor.

Chinese Surgeons Association
6:30 pm. Dinner.
Panda Restaurant,
Jax Brewery, 600 Decatur St.

**American Society of Colon and Rectal
Surgeons, President's Advisory Committee**
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Dinner.
New Orleans Hilton, Jasperwood, 3rd floor.

Friday

**American Society of Colon and Rectal
Surgeons, Socioeconomic Legislative
Committee**
7:30 am - 9:00 am. Meeting.
New Orleans Hilton, Rosedown, 3rd floor.

The Society of University Urologists
7:30 am - 11:45 am. Meeting.
New Orleans Hilton, Belle Chasse, 3rd floor.

Major expansion of surgical text planned for '93

Plans to expand *Care of the Surgical Patient*, the College's pre- and postoperative care reference, to include more frequent updates, surgical technique supplements, and CME credits were announced recently by the book's publisher, Scientific American Medicine.

In the four years since *Care of the Surgical Patient* was first published, thousands of surgeons have relied on the continuously updated two-volume loose-leaf text to provide them with the latest standards of perioperative management and techniques. Beginning in 1993, *Care of the Surgical Patient* will increase its updating frequency to four times a year instead of three. To further expand the scope of coverage in the text, surgical technique supplements will also be periodically included in the update packages to bring subscribers up to date on new and evolving techniques. The first two supplements planned will

cover laparoscopic surgery and gastrointestinal endoscopy.

The CME program, available to individual *Care of the Surgical Patient* subscribers at no additional cost, is accredited by the College for up to 30 hours of Category 2 credit per year. In order to obtain the CME credit, subscribers need only to provide a brief summary of their study of *Care of the Surgical Patient* (on a form provided by the College) and submit it to the College.

The expansion plans for *Care of the Surgical Patient* follow the publication of the October 1992 update, which is devoted to presenting state-of-the-art information on mediators in infection, sepsis, injury, and immunobiology.

For additional information on *Care of the Surgical Patient*, visit booth 1013 in the technical exhibit area or contact Scientific American Medicine at 415 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10017-1111; tel. 800/545-0554, fax 212/980-3062.

Congress Chronicle

The title of Fellow

One of New Orleans' most illustrious surgeons was Rudolph Matas, MD, FACS, a founder of the College who also served as President from 1925 to 1926. In his Presidential Address, Dr. Matas bemoaned the "moral evils" that had come to the surgical profession of the time. He condemned those men who, "...having been trained in the safe methods of modern surgery...are willing to desecrate their ministry and their art for purely sordid, sinister motives... These are the men who, knowing better...resort to all sorts of subterfuges to lure the patient to the operating room and do not hesitate to perform any operation whether indicated or not."

Dr. Matas noted that "the College, in its endeavor to protect the public from the abuses of the unqualified, has had to establish definite standards of proficiency and of conduct based upon the proofs of capability, experience, and honesty. In order that the public may be able to discriminate between the fit and unfit, it has created a title which distinguishes the qualified, professional surgeon from the amateur and fake. That is what the title, *Fellow of the American College of Surgeons*, means to the medical profession and is intended to convey to the public mind."